



News from KCC

April 20, 2016



Sunday Morning Sermon Series!

Tim continued our sermon series "Love Stinks," by diving into the topic of marriage on Sunday. He did a great job and from the response, I would say the message was timely. Please know that I am praying for the marriages at KCC and that the foundation of marriage is vital to the health and well being of our community both now and in the future. If you need help for your marriage or prayer for your marriage, my door is always open.

This Sunday we will wrap up our "Love Stinks" series by looking at family relationships and why they go bad. If you want to read ahead you can read [2](#)

[Samuel 13-18](#). David has quite the mess in his own family and we will explore why things went bad as well as what the Bible has to say to us about healing those relationships. See you Sunday! ~ Andy B.

Volunteer Opportunities

Click on link to Volunteer!

- [Home Communion Server](#)

Looking for men who will take communion Sunday mornings to a few people who are unable to make it to church. See Dave Babcock for more information.



- [Tiny Tots Volunteer](#)

Serve a Sunday of each month in the Preschool area.

- [1st Impressions Greeter](#)

Joyful faces wanted! Serve at KCC by greeting people at the door, sharing a smile, and being willing to know Christ accepts them as they are!

- [Computer Check-In](#)

Volunteers needed to check children in on Sunday mornings & Wednesday evenings. Minimal computer skills required. Training provided.

- [Video Camera Operator](#)

The church is in the process of purchasing a video package to allow us to capture Sunday morning worship and special events on video. We're looking for people interested in joining this exciting, new ministry of video production. Training will be provided.

*If you are interest in volunteering in any of these areas, you can [volunteer online](#), **contact the church office** or mark your Connection Card on Sunday.*

Mission Update

Woodburn Christian Children's Home



Dear Family, We've all heard it said that... "Sometimes, your greatest strength can become your greatest vulnerability," and I find it often to be true. The Woodburn Christian Children's Home is strong; our ministry teams of houseparents and administrators have rendered many years of faithful and effective service. Our strength...We've all been here a long time. Our vulnerability? We've all been here a long time!

It is with this in mind that our WCCCH Board of Directors has been making plans and provision over the past several years. As a result, I am happy to announce that Joe Heins will be joining our WCCCH family on the first of June as Associate Executive. The transition will include several years in which the two of us will work closely together and, in the end, Joe will become the new Executive Director of the Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

Now, Joe, his wife Vikki and their children are no strangers to the area. Joe has ministered very effectively with the Auburn Church of Christ throughout the past seven years.

I'd like to add, personally, that I'm looking forward to slowing down a bit and especially to working closely with Joe. I know he will be faithful to the promises that have been made and my prayer is that he will take the Woodburn Christian Children's Home far beyond my fondest dreams.

Now...in the meantime, we still have much work to do. God bless WCCCH and all who work together to make this ministry strong. God Bless ~ Lee Bracey, Executive Director

Volunteer of the Week

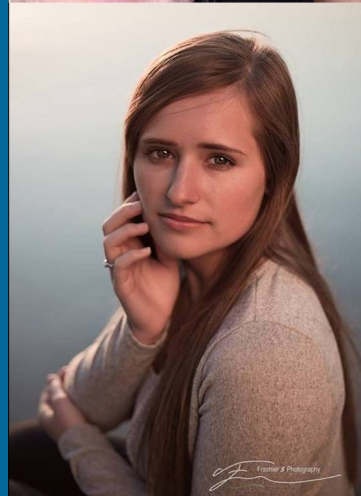
CHRIS, DEB & KATHRYN ZOLEN!

Our volunteers of the week are the Zolen's. Chris, Deb, and Kathryn serve as greeters in our first impressions ministry.

Chris is the friendly handshake you get at the front door, while Deb and Kathryn hand out bulletins and greet people warmly as they come into the worship center. Chris has started serving in another way as I pick his brain about developing a strategy for church growth.

The Zolen's joined KCC in 2015 and since that time have made themselves available to help with VBS, Trunk or Treat, and last Saturday they joined me in doing some yard cleanup for a family in our community. Chris and I also meet every other week for discipleship and he has been a huge encouragement.

Chris and Deb are active in the Severance's Life Group while Kathryn is active with Jody's Tuesday night small group. If you haven't gotten to know this family, you will be blessed to do so. ~ Andy B.



Chris & Deb (Top)
Kathryn (Bottom)

**KIDSTUF is THIS SUNDAY at 11:00am in the Lower Level
for all kids Kindergarten through 5th Grade!**

Finally, through [Hebrews 12:12-15](#), kids will learn that others are watching us as we persevere through difficult times. When our friends or family members are having trouble persevering, they can look to our example and be encouraged to stick with it.



Bottom Line: When life gets hard, remember you can help others persevere. After we go through a difficult time, we often have a chance to help others through similar situations. We want kids to learn that as they trust God and persevere, they will set an example and encourage others to do the same.

Sphere of Influence

By Andy Bratton, Senior Minister

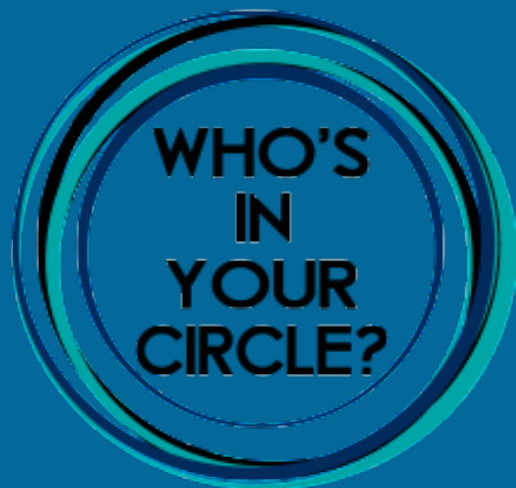
A few weeks ago I asked the second service group (sorry first service people, I forgot to ask that day), "**What caused you to attend KCC for the first time?**" Of the 64 responses, 42 (which don't include the kids who said something along the lines of, "my parents made me"), said it was **because someone invited them.**

The church staff invests a great deal of time and energy in preparing for every Sunday morning, desiring that your experience will be a great one and that you will be presented with an environment to draw you closer to Jesus. Our teachers in the Faith Training classes prepare in order to receive you well when you come to class. Our Greeters, Servers, Worship Team, and everyone else serving on a Sunday morning do their very best to present KCC as a warm and welcoming church, in order for everyone who comes through the doors experiences what we want to be as a church. Namely, a church that is Christ inspired in everything we do. A church who teaches Jesus, shares Jesus, and lives Jesus.

However, will all of those things in place, **the real difference when it comes to reaching people for Jesus**

and growing this church to be what God is calling it to be, **is YOU.** You build up credibility with people in your sphere of influence so that they take your invitation seriously. You live Christ

outside these four walls so that people ask what is it that you do in order to be happy and to live sacrificially. You build relationships with those around you so that when you invite them to give church a try, they listen. This church is what it is because of people like You.



With that thought in mind, who is the next person in your sphere of influence that doesn't have a church home or most importantly a relationship with Jesus that you will invite to join you in church on Sunday? God chose us as his instruments to carry the good news to all nations. And that includes our very own community. May God bless you and I look forward to meeting your friend on Sunday. ~ Andy B.

Upcoming Events



What is KCC all about?

Discover KCC is for those wanting to know more about what we believe as a church & what it means to become a member of KCC. The next "Discover KCC" class is **Sunday, May 1st from 5:00 - 8:00pm**. We will provide dinner & all the needed materials. Please [sign up online today!](#)



"Wake Up America!"

You're invited to the National Day of Prayer Breakfast at KCC on **Thursday, May 5th** from 7:00 - 8:00am.

Then join us at the county building (605 N. Birch St.) at 12:00pm for prayer.



Wilderness Christian Assembly
Camp work day and pie



Baccalaureate 2016

The Baccalaureate Service will be

auction is **Saturday, May 14th!** We have lots of buildings and grounds to clean up & small repair projects. Let's get the camp ready to begin the summer of reaching kids for God.

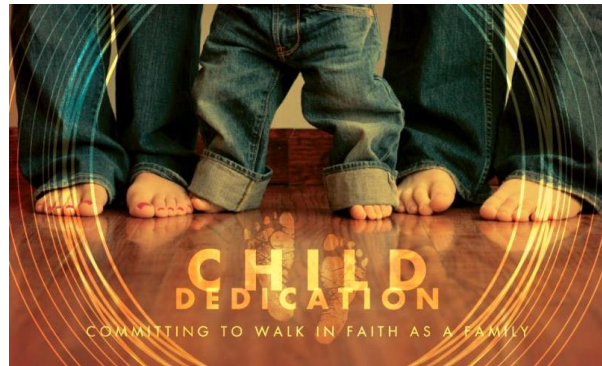
The Pie Auction offsets the cost of food for the whole camp year. If you would like to donate a pie, other dessert, or donate money towards the food program, please call Heidi Peasley at 258-0080 or 231-384-7553.

held at KCC on Sunday, May 22nd during our 11:00 am service. During the service we will offer a spiritual charge to our graduating seniors, recognize them, & send them off with prayer. Caps and gowns are not required. A light breakfast will be served before hand.

If you are a graduating senior please [click here](#) RSVP to the church office or call 258-9441.

Parent-Child **Dedication Sunday**

On Mother's Day each year we give parents an opportunity to dedicate their children, usually newborn children, to Jesus. This is NOT a salvation ceremony, but simply a ceremony in which parents can declare their intent to raise their child to know and love Jesus and the church can declare its intent to hold the parents accountable and to provide the environments that will help the parents be successful on their journey.



We are altering the program slightly to include not just children that have been born since last Mother's Day, but to include those parents with young children who may have never had the opportunity to dedicate their children to Jesus. It may be a family new to faith or new to church in general. We are also changing the name to "Parent Child Dedication," as opposed to "Baby Dedication." This is as much a ceremony for the parents as it is for the children.

If you would like to participate in this ceremony on Sunday, May 8th, please contact

the church office at 258-9441 or [email the office](#). We will need the names of the parents dedicating the child/children, name & picture of the child, & their birth date. We plan to do this both services to accommodate people who attend both services.

Tonight, April 20, 2016

- **3:00 - 4:30 PM - Octane** - 4th & 5th Grade Youth Group
- **6:30 PM - JAM** - for all kids Kindergarten through 3rd Grade
- **6:30 PM - FUEL** - Middle School Youth Group



This Sunday - April 24, 2016

- **8:30 AM** - Worship
- **10:00 AM** - Faith Training for Preschool through Adults
- **11:00 AM** - Worship
- **11:00 AM** - KidStuf in the Lower Level for kids Kindergarten - 5th grade
- **6:30 PM - FUEL** - High School Youth Group

[Check out kccwired.com for a full list of upcoming events!](#)

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